

CONGRATULATING SANDY INSALACO, RECIPIENT OF THE "LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD" FROM THE ITALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LUZERNE COUNTY

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 24, 2007

Mr. KANJORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to ask you and my esteemed colleagues in the House of Representatives to pay tribute to Sandy Insalaco, of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, who is this year's recipient of the "Lifetime Achievement Award" given by the Italian American Association of Luzerne County.

A principal of Insalaco Development Group, Sandy's company develops, owns and operates commercial real estate in Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey.

He is president and chief executive officer of Nature's Way Purewater, a bottler of private label spring, distilled and reverse osmosis water for supermarket chain stores and other clients throughout the United States and Canada.

Mr. Insalaco is chairman of the board of directors of Landmark Community Bank headquartered in Pittston, Pennsylvania, and with offices in Fitts Fort, Scranton and Stroudsburg Pennsylvania.

He is a past chairman and now a member of the board of trustees of Misericordia University.

Mr. Insalaco has served on the board of trustees of the Mercy HealthCare Foundation since it was established by the late Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan and he served as chairman of that foundation. Mercy HealthCare Foundation supports health initiatives for the underserved in northeastern Pennsylvania.

Mr. Insalaco started his business career in 1957, joining his brother, Michael, in the retail food business. The company grew from one small store to 14 supermarkets located in Luzerne, Lackawanna, Monroe and Wayne Counties in Pennsylvania. The company was sold in 1993.

Mr. Insalaco served on the board of directors of the former United Penn Bank in Wilkes-Barre. He also served as chairman and a member of the board of directors of Affiliated Food Distributors, Inc., Scranton, Pennsylvania.

He has been actively involved with fundraising for St. Maria Goretti Church, the Greater Hazleton Philharmonic Society, the Greater Pittston Memorial Library, Mercy HealthCare Foundation and Misericordia University.

Mr. Insalaco and his wife, Marlene, have 2 sons, Sandy Jr., and Michael. They also have five grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. Insalaco on this special occasion which honors a lifetime of extraordinary achievement that has touched the lives of many people and improved the quality of life throughout northeastern Pennsylvania.

TRIBUTE TO FELIX CHIN FOR OVER FOUR DECADES OF SERVICE TO THE CONGRESS

HON. ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CUMMINGS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Felix Chin for his outstanding, dedicated, and professional service to the United States Congress.

Mr. Chin's federal service started in 1959, when he honorably served his country in the United States Army. His 3 years in the U.S. Army included a tour of duty in Vietnam. His service to Congress began in 1965 in the Library of Congress' Aerospace Technology Division where he translated and analyzed intelligence documents from Chinese sources on economic, political, military and social affairs in Communist China. He then served as an economics bibliographer in the Library Services Division of the Congressional Research Service beginning in 1969. After more than 38 years, he has concluded his library career as a senior bibliographer and information research specialist and will be retiring in the "Old Line State."

During his tenure with CRS, Mr. Chin responded to numerous congressional inquiries on economics-related research and authored many CRS annotated bibliographies and other information research products for Congress. He assisted in the development of SCORPIO through his participation on the SCORPIO Advisory Group and participated in the implementation of other congressional services such as the Selective Dissemination of Information Service. In 1973, he received a Meritorious Service Award for the large burden he carried as the only CRS economics bibliographer. He also received a Special Achievement Award in 2004 for the creative training he presented to Government and Finance Division analysts in the use of databases in the areas of international banking and foreign debt, and treaties. He was recognized by analysts in the former CRS Economics Division for his research expertise, bibliographic support, and enormous contribution to their work. He is greatly admired and respected by his colleagues and friends throughout the Congressional Research Service.

Mr. Chin received a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from George Washington University in 1968 and a master's degree in Supervision and Management from Central Michigan University in 1979 as a member of the first graduating class at the Library. Mr. Chin is a dedicated and kind mentor; he has inspired many young professionals to begin and continue a public service career.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to join Felix Chin's colleagues, family, and friends in commemorating his nearly 50 years of Federal service. It is my honor to have this opportunity to wish him well as he embarks on his well-deserved retirement. In addition, I join my congressional colleagues in thanking Mr. Chin for his many years of service to Congress and wish him much success in his future endeavors.

HONORING SUSAN E. COX, NEWLY APPOINTED MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Susan E. Cox, an outstanding attorney, who was appointed as a United States Magistrate Judge for the Northern District of Illinois on August 27, 2007. A resident of LaGrange, Illinois, in the Third Congressional District, Judge Cox has demonstrated outstanding integrity and intelligence throughout her distinguished career. I am pleased to congratulate her on this well deserved appointment.

Before her designation as Magistrate Judge, Ms. Cox held a wide array of positions within the field of law. Most recently, she practiced both civil and criminal law in her own private practice, and she also spent 8 years as an Assistant U.S. Attorney, as well as 3 years as a law clerk to U.S. District Judge Wayne R. Anderson. During her 11 years of civil practice, Ms. Cox gained expertise in cases regarding employment, commercial, and patent infringement. Ms. Cox's many experiences and talents led her to be appointed by the federal court to assist in monitoring the employment actions of the City of Chicago. She also has devoted her valuable time to sharing her knowledge with others by serving as an adjunct professor at DePaul University College of Law.

As a Magistrate, Judge Cox will employ the same insightfulness and passion for the law that she has acquired in her many past experiences and accomplishments. Some of her duties will include presiding over civil cases and misdemeanor criminal cases with the consent of the parties, conducting preliminary proceedings in criminal cases, and assisting the District Court Judges with pretrial motions, evidentiary proceedings, and settlement negotiations.

It is my honor to recognize Susan E. Cox as she takes a new step in her career as a Magistrate Judge for the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Her integrity, experience, and passion for the law will greatly benefit the U.S. District Court. It is also my privilege and pleasure to congratulate Magistrate Judge Cox for this milestone in her life and commend her on her many contributions to the field of law.

TRIBUTE TO NEOSHO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BLUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a group of law enforcement officers whose quick thinking and courageous intervention saved lives and ended a tragic shooting spree earlier this summer in southwest Missouri. It was a shooting that left three people dead and several others wounded at the